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NEWS

Air Pollution

[China Air Pollution Kills 4,000 People a Day, Study Says](#)

Air pollution is killing an average of 4,000 people a day in China, according to researchers who cited coal-burning as the likely principal cause....

Air Pollution

[Ozone Advocates Reach Out to White House](#)

Industry and environmental groups wrote to the White House this week to raise their concerns about the Environmental Protection Agency's review of the national ozone standards, which is expected to be completed by Oct. 1....

Climate Change

[Obama to Visit Alaska as Part of Climate Campaign](#)

President Barack Obama is taking his bully pulpit to the last American frontier....

Climate Change

[Youths Sue Federal Government Over Climate Change](#)

A group of youths is suing the federal government for allegedly violating their constitutional rights to life, liberty and property by continuing to develop fossil fuels despite knowing the dangers caused by climate change to current and...

Climate Regulation

[31 States on Target to Comply With Clean Power Plan](#)

Thirty-one states are already on track to meet their 2022 carbon dioxide emissions targets under the Clean Power Plan with 21 expected to surpass the Environmental Protection Agency standards, the Union of Concerned Scientists said Aug....

Climate Regulation

Fifteen States Seek Stay of EPA Clean Power Plan

Fifteen states led by West Virginia are asking a federal appellate court to stay implementation of the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan even though the final rule has not yet been published in the Federal Register (In...

Drinking Water

Cyanobacteria Should Be Deemed Harmful: Study

Blooms of cyanobacteria in recreational water and sources of drinking water are poorly understood and monitored but potentially dangerous, so they should be treated as potential pathogens until shown otherwise, according to research announced...

Drinking Water

NYC Legionella Bacteria Controls to Be Applied by State

A set of controls on Legionella bacteria in large building cooling towers was passed by the New York City Council and will be adopted also as emergency state regulations....

Emissions Trading

Deutsche Bank Employees Said to Be Charged in Carbon Probe

Frankfurt prosecutors charged seven current and one former Deutsche Bank AG employees over a scheme to help the lender and clients evade taxes on carbon-emissions trades, according to two people familiar with the case....

Energy

Greenpeace Critical of Canada Spending on Energy Promotion

Canada's federal government spent more than C\$31 million (\$23.9 million) on public relations advertising and "outreach activities" during the past two fiscal years to promote energy projects, according to internal documents...

Enforcement

China's State Council Signals Stepped Up Environmental Monitoring

China will build a nationwide environmental monitoring network by 2020 to more accurately track air, water and soil pollution, the State Council said Aug. 12. ...

Enforcement

FedEx to Pay \$1.75M to Settle Waste Violations

FedEx Ground has been ordered to pay \$1.75 million to settle alleged hazardous waste violations. FedEx Ground was accused of illegally transporting and storing hazardous waste, failing to train its employees adequately on the proper handling...

Hydraulic Fracturing

Importer Wins Tariff-Free Entry of Fracking Material

Schlumberger Technology Corp.'s imports of bauxite proppants, a material used in hydraulic fracturing, should not be subject to import tariffs, the Court of International Trade ruled July 22, according to a partially redacted opinion...

Pipelines

Ontario Regulator Says Energy East Pipeline Poses Risks

TransCanada Pipelines Ltd.'s controversial C\$12 billion (\$9.2 billion) Energy East pipeline project poses greater environmental and economic risks in Ontario than the "modest" economic benefits it could offer the province,...

Regulatory Policy

Court Sets Aside 30-Year Permits for Harm to Eagles

A federal rule allowing 30-year permits for unintentional harm to eagles was set aside by a federal court and remanded for environmental analysis to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Shearwater v. Ashe, N.D. Cal., No. 5:14-cv-02830, 8/11/15)....

Regulatory Policy

Southern Wins Mississippi Rate Increase for Carbon-Capture Plant

Mississippi regulators threw a lifeline to Southern Co.'s financially troubled clean-coal power project by temporarily raising customer bills 18 percent for a facility whose backers include the U.S. government....

Risk Assessment

EPA Seeks Comment on Three Groups of Flame Retardants

The Environmental Protection Agency is seeking comment on approaches it proposes to use to assess the risks of three groups of flame retardant chemicals, according to an advance Federal Register notice released online by the agency's...

Water Pollution

California Court Invalidates Waiver for Farm Discharges

A California court ordered the State Water Resources Control Board to set aside a waiver for agricultural discharges along California's Central Coast and prepare a new one after completing a supplemental environmental review (Monterey)....

Water Pollution

Fola Coal Mines Fouling West Virginia Watershed, Judge Says

Fola Coal has violated permitted narrative water quality standards at two West Virginia mountaintop mining operations, damaging adjoining streams, a federal judge has ruled (Ohio Valley Envtl. Coal. v. Fola Coal Co., LLC , S.D. W.Va., No....

Water Pollution

New York Sets \$114M in Water-Project Loans

New York is providing municipalities with more than \$114 million in zero-interest or low-interest loans to help them strengthen water infrastructure, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo (D) announced Aug. 13. The loans, to support improvements at 16 wastewater...

Water Pollution

Water Quality in Animas River at Pre-Spill Levels

Water quality in the Animas River from the Silverton, Colo., area to the Durango municipal water intake has returned to pre-spill levels a week after the Environmental Protection Agency triggered a 3-million-gallon release of mining waste....

BNA INSIGHTS

Interpreting 'Waters of the United States': An Analysis of the New Clean Water Act

Regulations

On May 26, the heads of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency signed a new rule interpreting the jurisdictional scope of the Clean Water Act, the first time in a generation that the agencies have attempted to...

SPECIAL REPORT

Emissions Trading

Most RGGI States on Track to Meet Power Plan Targets

Six of the nine states in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) are on track to meet or come close to meeting by 2020 the federal Clean Power Plan's mass-based goals for 2030, according to an analysis by Bloomberg BNA....

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